

The Antelope Valley Transit Authority (AVTA), a Joint Powers Authority comprised of the County of Los Angeles and the cities of Lancaster and Palmdale, has been providing transit services for the residents of the Antelope Valley since 1992. AVTA continuously plans for the transit needs of the future and has established a goal of reducing its carbon footprint. In support of this objective, AVTA desires to purchase two electric buses as part of a demonstration project. A proponent of green technology, AVTA has installed photovoltaic solar panels throughout its facilities, and recently upgraded its transformer to support the new infrastructure and potential deployment of two electric buses. AVTA has been actively seeking financing from a variety of sources to initiate an electric bus demonstration project, but limited funding options currently exist. AVTA estimates that once funding is identified, buses could be purchased and a demonstration project could be initiated by April 2014.

Providing County Proposition A Local Return funds to AVTA for the purchase of these two electric buses will enhance public transit in the Antelope Valley, and will support AVTA's endeavors toward a cleaner fleet as well as the advancement of green technology in the Los Angeles region. The buses will operate on AVTA's busiest corridor with connections to routes throughout the Antelope Valley. An analysis will be conducted after each of the first two years to assess the benefits of operating these buses.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1. Find that the funding of electric buses for use by a public transit agency is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to the Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(10);

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YAROSLAVSKY _____

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ANTONOVICH _____

RIDLEY-THOMAS _____

2. Approve prepayment to the Antelope Valley Transit Authority for the purchase of two electric buses in an amount not to exceed \$1.9 million from the Fifth Supervisorial District's Proposition A Local Return Transit Program. Funding is included in the Fiscal Year 2013-14 Transit Enterprise Fund Budget.

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